GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BIO-DIVERSITY BILL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce the Bio-diversity Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the extent to which the National Bio-diversity strategy and action plan, undertaken by his ministry has been successful in understanding India`s biological diversity and preserving it?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)& (b) The Government has introduced the Biological Diversity Bill 2000 in the Lok Sabha on 15th May, 2000. The broad objectives of this legislation are conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and associated knowledge.

(c)The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan project was officially launched on 11.4.2000. This project is for a duration of two years. Under this project, State Governments, academic institutions, experts and non-governmental organizations are working together for developing action plans at sub-state, State, regional and thematic levels, for conservation of biological diversity.